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SUBJECT: ALLIED PRESS LINE ON BKC/ L ON UN ENTRY

SUMMARY: UNDER THE HEADLINE " STILL NO MOSCOW REACTION TO ALLIED BERLIN NOTE," DIE WELT MAY 9 BROKE PREVIOUS FRG PRESS SILENCE ON BKC/ L PASSED TO SOVIETS IN BERLIN MAY 3. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG PRINTED A RELATED ARTICLE MAY 9, AND LEFT- CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU HAS PICKED UP STORY MAY 10. AT MAY 9 BONN GROUP MEETING, ALLIES AND FRG AGREED ON COMMON PRESS LINE FOR USE ON IF- ASKED BASIS (BRITISH SAID THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM NEWSMEN). END SUMMARY.

1. DIE WELT ARTICLE REPORTED THAT ALLIES HAVE INFORMED SOVIETS THAT FRG WILL REPRESENT WEST BERLIN IN UN. THE STORY SAID AN ALLIED NOTE WAS DELIVERED QUIETLY IN MOSCOW MAY 3, AND THAT THERE HAS UNTIL NOW BEEN NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET REACTION. (PRESS GUIDANCE POINTS OUT THAT NO NOTE DELIVERED IN MOSCOW.) THE STORY CONTINUES THAT RELATED TO THE BKC/L TEXT HANDED TO THE SOVIETS IS AN "EXPLANATION" OF IT GIVEN TO THE SENAT BY THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA IN MID- APRIL. THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT FRG MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO EGON BAHR AND HENRY KISSINGER DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF NOTIFYING SOVIETS ABOUT BKC/L DURING CHANCELLOR BRANDT'S RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT NOTES THAT SOVIETS VIEW UN REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN BY FRG AS FORECLOSED UNDER TERMS OF QA WHICH EXCEPT MATTERS AFFECTING SECURITY FROM FRG RIGHTS OF REPRESENTATION. THE BONN VIEW IS THAT ITS RIGHT TO REPRESENT WEST BERLIN IN UN IS GUARANTEED UNDER ANNEX IV OF QA. "IN GENERAL," THE STORY CONCLUDES, "BONN PREFERS TO HAVE THE ALLIES GUARANTEE THIS RIGHT" OF REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. AT THE MAY 9 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE BRITISH SAID THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED SEVERAL QUESTIONS FROM NEWSMEN CONCERNING DIE WELT STORY, AND PROPOSED LANGUAGE THEY WISHED TO CLEAR WITH ALLIES AND FRG BEFORE USING IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESS QUERIES. WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES, ALLIED AND FRG REPS APPROVED LANGUAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

-- NO NOTE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED FROM THE ALLIES TO THE RUSSIANS IN MOSCOW ON 3 MAY.

-- AS REGARDS THE UN CHARTER, THE DRAFT FEDERAL LAW HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IN THE NORMAL WAY BY THE SENAT TO THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA IN BERLIN. THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA CONVEYED THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZATION TO THE SENAT.

-- THE RUSSIANS IN BERLIN HAVE BEEN INFORMED ABOUT THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA AUTHORIZATION.

4. THE EMBASSY PRESS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED ONLY ONE INQUIRY CONCERNING DIE WELT ARTICLE SO FAR. GUIDELINES ABOVE USED IN RESPONSE.

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